

IN THE CLAIMS

1-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A system for forming a channel in a bone comprising:

a guide wire having a leading and trailing end;

a rotatable boring tool having a wall surrounding an axial bore for slidably receiving said guide wire, said tool having a first end including a cutting element and a drive end for connection adapted to be connected to a power source for rotating said tool to bore into bone, said bore being adapted to permit said guide wire to slide axially through said bore when said tool is connected to said power source and while said tool is boring into bone, and said wall adjacent said drive end having an elongated opening therethrough in communication with said bore, said elongated opening being adapted to permit for viewing of axial sliding movement of said guide wire trailing end during rotation of said boring tool while said tool is connected to said power source and said tool is boring into bone.

8. (original) The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said opening is in the form of an elongated slot.

9. (original) The system as set forth in claim 8 wherein a pair of elongated slots are located on opposite sides of said wall.

10-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A boring tool for bone, ~~particularly the proximal femur~~ comprising:

a shank having a rotatable cutting tool at a first distal end thereof, the shank and cutting tool having a cannulation therethrough, ~~the cutting tool shank~~ having a drive portion at a proximal end thereof, the shank having a radially outwardly extending slideable lock portion between the shank distal end and the drive portion, the lock portion being slideable distally

and proximally along the shank, the distal end of the shank spaced distally of the lock portion and the drive portion spaced proximally of the lock portion, the shank having a pair of diametrically opposed windows therein; and

a guide wire slidably received within the cannulation in the shank and cutting tool and having a trailing end viewable through the windows in the shank.

20. (previously presented) The boring tool for bone as set forth in claim 19 wherein said pair of windows extends parallel to the cannulation in the shank.

21. (previously presented) The boring tool for bone as set forth in claim 19 wherein said diametrically opposed windows extend in parallel.

22. (new) The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein the elongated opening has a first end and a second end, the first end being spaced from the drive end of the boring tool, and the second end of the opening being located closer to the cutting element than the first end of the opening.

23. (new) The boring tool for bone as set forth in claim 19 wherein each one of the pair of diametrically opposed windows has a first end and a second end, the first end of each window being spaced from the drive portion, and the second end of each window being located closer to the cutting tool than the first end of the respective window.